



City of Del Mar



November 13, 2009

Mr. Ken Wiseman, Executive Director
Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
c/o California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Correction Regarding Action Taken by the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force
(BRTF) at their November 10, 2009 BRTF Meeting

Dear Mr. Wiseman,

I write to call your attention to what appears to be an administrative oversight in the presentation of information to, and action by, the MLPA Blue Ribbon Task Force on November 10, 2009 with respect to the MLPA Map designation for the San Dieguito Lagoon and Rivermouth. Specifically, the map upon which a final motion to adopt a recommendation on the MLPA was made did not include the San Dieguito Lagoon and river mouth as a State Marine Reserve (SMR). However, the City firmly believes that it was the intent of the Blue Ribbon Task Force and of the maker of the motion on that action, Ms. Meg Caldwell, to include the referenced area as an SMR.

The City of Del Mar believes this was an oversight because this area had been identified with an SMR designation on all three proposals discussed by the Blue Ribbon Task Force on October 22, 2009. It had also been designated as an SMR in virtually all earlier MLPA proposals. We believe this oversight may have occurred because of the very fact that the designation of the area as a (continued) SMR had never been the subject of any controversy and, therefore, did not require any specific discussion at the November 10th meeting.

The San Dieguito Lagoon is already designated in the existing Marine Protection Area (MPA) as a State Marine Park. The City supports a continued renewed MPA designation for this area provided the accompanying regulatory language includes provisions allowing for the completion and on-going maintenance of the San Dieguito Lagoon wetland restoration project. We hope that what we think was an oversight in the BRTF's action can be quickly corrected.

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Crystal Crawford, Mayor
City of Del Mar

cc: Pam Slater-Price, County Supervisor, District 3;
Chair, Shoreline Preservation Working Group, SANDAG
Dick Bobertz, Executive Director, San Dieguito Joint Powers Authority
Dawn Rawls, Chair, Del Mar San Dieguito Lagoon Committee
David Kay, Southern California Edison
Catherine Reheis-Boyd, Chairwoman of the BRTF
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